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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HEMODYNAMIC-BASED

OPTIMIZATION OF CARDIAC PACING

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks as being fully responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on 10 August 2006. Said Office Action set a three-month period for reply expiring 10 November 2006. This Amendment and Response is submitted in advance of said period for reply.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.